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Fixing arrangement for fixing a spring and/or damping  
element to a hollow member of a motor vehicle body

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The invention relates to the fixing arrangement for fixing a spring and/or damping element to a hollow member of a motor vehicle body of the type specified in the preamble of claim 1.

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Both US-A-2 806 713 and US-A-2 314 505 disclose a fixing arrangement for fixing a spring and/or damping element to a continuous hollow member of a motor vehicle body, in which a through-opening for the spring and/or damping element is let into a lower flange of the hollow member. In this case the spring and/or damping element passes right through the hollow member and extends upwards out of the upper flange of the hollow member. A damper dome, which is supported on the hollow member by means of a radially protruding socket, is fixed to the upper flange as load-distributing support.

DE 198 27 864 C1 furthermore discloses a fixing arrangement, in which a through-opening, through which an upper end of a spring element projects into the hollow member, is let into lower flange of the hollow member. The spring element serves to fix a wheel suspension member of the motor vehicle to the hollow member by way of a load distributing support in the

form of a damper dome. A disadvantage with this known  
fixing arrangement is that the distance between the  
wheel suspension member and the hollow member of the  
body is not susceptible to any enlargement, for example  
5 in order that a longer spring and/or damping element  
may be arranged between them.

The object of the invention is to create a fixing  
arrangement of the type stated in the introductory  
10 part, by means of which the spring and/or damping  
element can be supported more rigidly and more stably  
on the hollow member of the motor vehicle body.

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